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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEM

In re Application of: Shuji KITAMURA; Takashi UEYAMA

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Art Unit: 1651

Confirmation No.: 2308

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PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FERMENTED MILK CONTAINING ANGIOTENSIN For:

CONVERTING ENZYME INHIBITORY PEPTIDE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING

MILK SERUM

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

February 3, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks. A Petition for Extension of Time for two (2) months to and including February 5, 2003 accompanies this Response along with the appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R.  $\S 1.17(a)(3)$ .

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1, 3-8, and 10-17.

Please amend claims 9 and 18 as follows: